

## **CLAIMS**

What I claim is:

1. A lancet comprising:

5 a lancet body having a distal end and a needle piercing tip projecting from said distal end;

a cap connected to said distal end with said piercing tip embedded therein by a frangible junction;

said cap having at least one tab member projecting therefrom.

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2. A lancet according to claim 1, wherein said cap is generally cylindrical and includes first and second diametrically opposed radially projecting tabs.

3. A lancet according to claim 1, wherein said cap defines an opening  
15 sized for mating engagement with said lancet distal end and an interior shoulder providing a stop upon engagement with said lancet distal end.

4. A lancet according to claim 1, wherein said cap defines an opening  
sized for mating engagement with said lancet distal end and an interior axially  
20 projecting hub for receiving at least a portion of said piercing tip embedded therein when said cap is placed on said lancet distal end.